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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant hereby calls to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following patents and other documents which are listed on attached Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-reference application.

- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,419,135 issued May 30, 1995, to Wiggs.
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 5,623,986 issued April 29, 1997, to Wiggs.
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 5,946,928 issued September 7, 1999, to Wiggs.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that these references be considered by the Examiner and made of record as part of the "available prior art" under 37 C.F.R. §1.104.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

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